

Harrisburg Pa

Dec 26th 1913

Hon Wm H. Grist, M.C.,

Lancaster Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the accompanying newspaper clipping, from today's Phila. Press in regard to the cane presented to you, I am glad to be able to inform you that Mr E. L. Moore, named as the donor of the Cane to the Hon Thaddeus Stevens, was my first school teacher, in 1842. He being one of the first teachers in school district No. 1 Swatara Tp. Dauphin Co. Pa. after the adoption of the free school system

Mr Moore was born in the

state of Mass., and after teaching
several terms in Swatara, Pa.
and a few years in Harrisburg;
in company with the late Judge
John W. Simonton established
the Mount Joy Academy for
boys at Mount Joy Lancaster
Pa. which I attended.

Mr Moore continued the Acad-
emy for a short time after
the breaking out of the late Civil
War - and on the 26th of Nov^r
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of the Hon Thaddeus Stevens ap-
pointed an additional paymaster
of Vols., from Pa. and on May
10th 1867 was brevetted Lieut Col.
of Vols. in that Dept. for faithful
and meritorious services.
He was ~~honourably~~ honourably discharged

Ministered out on Feby. 1st 1869
and died in Omaha Neb.
Apr. 22nd 1874

Yours very truly
John Edmund Rutherford

Box 239.
Harrisburg Pa.

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LancasterHistory

Harrisburg Pa.
Jan'y 6th 1914

Hon W. W. Griest
Lancaster Pa.

Dear Sir:

I have your favor
of the 5th inst. together with
the newspaper cutting relative
to the Stephens case matter
and am much obliged for the
favor. I also thank you for
your invitation, in your former
letter to me, to visit your office,
in case I should be in Lancaster,
and see the case.

Yours very truly
J. C. Ruthford

Admission for
Jan 21/14

John W. W. W.
Lancaster

I have your favor
of the 21st inst. together with
the accompanying cutting relative
to the [unclear] matter
and am much obliged for the
favor. I also thank you for
your invitation in your favor
letter to me to visit your office
in case I should be in Lancaster
and see the case.

Lancaster History

Lanc. Am. News
STEVENS CANE DONOR

12/29/13

**Identity of Man Who Presented Staff
to Old Commoner Learned of
From Harrisburg.**

Special Dispatch to The News:
Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 28.—Reading
a despatch in a newspaper yesterday
of a cane presented to Congressman
W. W. Griest which had been given
to Hon. Thaddeus Stevens by E. L.
Moore, the following self-explanatory
letter has been sent to the Lancaster
congressman by John Edmund Ruth-
erford, of this city, which gives in-
formation as to the identity of the
E. L. Moore, who gave the cane to
Mr. Stevens. The letter follows:

Hon. W. W. Griest, Lancaster, Pa.,
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panying newspaper clipping in regard
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26th of November, 1862, was, through
the influence of the Hon. Thaddeus
Stevens appointed an additional pay-
master of volunteers from Pennsyl-
vania, and on May 1, 1867, was brevet-
ted lieutenant colonel of volunteers in
that department, for faithful and
meritorious service.

He was honorably discharged, mus-
tered out on February 1, 1869, and
died in Omaha, Neb., April 22nd, 1874.

Yours Very Truly,
JOHN EDMUND RUTHERFORD,
Box 239, Harrisburg, Pa.

**THADDEUS STEVENS' CANE
GIVEN TO CONGRESSMAN**

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 25.—To-day
friends of Congressman W. W. Griest
gave to him a cane which originally be-
longed to Thaddeus Stevens, the famous
reconstructionist who represented the
Lancaster county district in Congress
during and after the Civil War.

The cane was purchased from a col-
lector and according to inscriptions upon
it was presented to "T. Stevens" by E.
L. Moore. It is not known who Mr.
Moore was, but it is known that the
Commoner carried the stick for several
years.